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The Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services, Rm 1-23
Rockville, MD 20857

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Re: 99P-1340/CP 1, Petition to Have "Eternity eau de parfum" Misbranded

Dear Sir or Madam:

In May, 1999, The Environmental Health Network (EHN) submitted the above petition to have Calvin Klein's "Eternity eau de parfum" declared misbranded. I am writing because I fully support this petition and request that the FDA give it careful attention with regard to your regulations 21CFR Sec. 740.1, 21CFR Sec. 740.2, and 21CFR sec. 740.10. Regulation 21CFR Sec. 740.10 specifically states:

"Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior to marketing. Any such ingredient or product whose safety is not adequately substantiated prior to marketing is misbranded unless it contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel: "Warning--- The safety of this product has not been determined."

As the petition shows, "Eternity" contains toxic ingredients and ingredients whose safety have not been substantiated. There is no warning label on its packaging.

We all have a right to know the status of safety testing of the ingredients in products such as this so that we can protect ourselves and our families from toxic chemicals that may cause health problems. Most people are not aware that most fragrance materials have only limited safety testing. They wrongfully assume these products are safe to use in any setting and are surprised when people complain.

Like tobacco smoke, the harmful chemicals currently used in these products may effect the health of many people, including: people with asthma, chemical sensitivities, chronic fatigue, and other environmental illnesses. Children are particularly vulnerable to toxic chemicals found in products purchased and used by their parents, care giver and teachers.

When I am exposed to fragrance products, such as "Eternity," I experience severe headaches, extreme irritability, trouble breathing, dizziness, and memory and concentration problems. As a result, although I have a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and am a tenured university professor I am currently unable to work and am on disability. If the harmful chemicals in these products were removed and replaced with less harmful ones such as many of those in use 30 years ago, I could become a productive individual again (not to mention one with a public life).

Please act on behalf of the millions of people who have suffered physical illness and injury resulting from fragrance exposure at work, at school and in social settings. These toxic chemicals act as powerful barriers to people disabled by asthma and chemical sensitivities. Because of this, toxic chemical in fragrances have already ruined countless lives.



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